

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

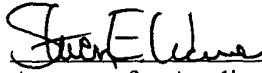
To place the application in better form, Applicant submits herewith a substitute specification, which includes a new abstract. For the Examiner's convenience, also provided is a marked-up copy of the original specification showing the portions thereof which are being changed. The substitute specification includes the same changes as are indicated in the marked-up copy. Applicant's undersigned attorney has reviewed the substitute specification and submits that the substitute specification contains no new matter.

Claims 28-36 are presented for consideration. Claims 28-35 are independent. Claims 1-27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that claims 28-36 patentably define features of the exposure apparatus and the device manufacturing method of the present invention. Applicant submits, therefore, that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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